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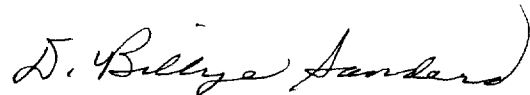
Re: Petition of TCG MidSouth, Inc. for Leave to Intervene in
Universal Service Generic Contested Case
Docket No. 97-00888

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed you will find the original and thirteen (13) copies of the Petition of TCG MidSouth, Inc. for Leave to Intervene in the above referenced docket. I have also enclosed a proposed Order and a check for \$25 for the filing fee.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



D. Billye Sanders

DBS:lmb
Enclosures

cc: Michael McRae, Esq.
Interested Parties

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE: UNIVERSAL SERVICE
GENERIC CONTESTED CASE

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Docket No. 97-00888

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**PETITION OF TCG MIDSOUTH, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

TCG MidSouth, Inc. ("TCG"), pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-5-310, hereby petitions the Authority for leave to intervene in the above referenced proceeding and to participate as its interest may appear. In support of this Petition, TCG states the following:

1. TCG is a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the State of Tennessee, and authorized by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to operate as a competing telecommunications service provider within the State of Tennessee. As a holder of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by this Authority to provide telecommunications services, the legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests of TCG may be determined in this proceeding.

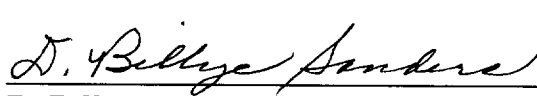
2. The interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will be not impaired by the intervention of TCG.

3. This Petition to Intervene is being filed at least seven (7) days before the hearing of this cause.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

1. That it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party as its interest may appear and to receive copies of all notices, orders and other documents issued or filed in this docket.
2. That Petitioner be granted such other and further relief to which it be entitled.

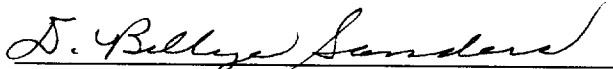
Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Billye Sanders", is written over a horizontal line.

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Certificate of Service

I, D. Billye Sanders, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition of TCG MidSouth, Inc, for Leave to Intervene on the interetsed parties on the attached list by depositing a copy of this Petition and proposed Order in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as shown on such list on this 18th day of September, 1997.


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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION OF TCG MIDSOUTH, INC.

This matter is before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority upon the Petition of TCG MidSouth for Leave to Intervene in the above captioned proceeding. It appears to the Authority that Petitioner has an interest in this matter and that Petitioner constitutes an interested party pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310 and T.C.A. § 65-2-107. It further appears to the Authority that Petitioner has timely filed its Petition to Intervene and that it is entitled to intervention as a matter of right. In addition, it appears to the Authority that the interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing this intervention.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Petition of TCG MidSouth, Inc. for Leave to Intervene in the above captioned docket be, and the same, is hereby granted.
2. That TCG MidSouth, Inc. is hereby made a party to this proceeding and shall receive copies of all notices, orders and documents in this

proceeding and shall be permitted to participate in the proceedings as its interest may appear.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary